Supply of inferior quality foodgrains in Delhi by FCI

2678. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inferior quality of foodgrains such as wheat, rice etc. have been supplied by FCI through Public Distribution System in Delhi during the last one year and till-date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of complaints received by Government from the people of Delhi; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken to check such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) No complaint has been received by Government about the quality of foodgrains being supplied for PDS in Delhi.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Government to supply better quality of foodgrains being distributed through PDS:

(i) Ample opportunities are provided to the State Government or its agencies to inspect foodgrains prior to lifting from FCI godowns. Instructions have been issued to all State Governments that officers not below the rank of inspector be deputed for inspection of the foodgrains before lifting from FCI godowns.

(ii) The samples are jointly drawn and sealed by the officers of State Government and FCI for display at the Fair Price Shops.

(iii) Surprise checks of fair price shops are conducted by the officers of Government of India and State Government to ensure that the quality of foodgrains supplied for PDS is within laid down Government norms.